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Free Pet Microchipping and Canine Good Citizen Testing at Everett Mutt Strut on August 13

Everett, WA – Don't miss the free Microchip Clinic and American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen Testing at the City of Everett's Mutt Strut this weekend! Come show off your dog's good canine citizen skills and improve your dog or cat's chances of returning home quickly in case he or she becomes lost.

Date: Saturday, August 13, 2016

Location: Langus Riverfront Park at 400 Smith Island Road in Everett

Times:

- Microchip Clinic: 10:00am - noon (for up to 200 pets)
- AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing: 10:00am - 2:00pm (tests last approximately 20 minutes)

Sponsored by the Snohomish County Auditor's Office and Snohomish County Animal Advisory Board, these free activities promote:

- Responsible pet ownership
- Reduction of shelter costs for lost pets
- Good canine manners at home and in the community

Microchips and license tags are important forms of pet identification that allow owners and lost pets to reunite quickly, reducing the number of lost pets taken to shelters and the associated costs. Thanks to the support of volunteer veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians, approximately 3,000 pets have benefited from the free Microchip Clinic program since 2003. Dogs and cats of Snohomish County residents are eligible to participate in the free Microchip Clinic. Cats must be in a carrier and dogs must be on a leash.

A popular activity for the past two years at Mutt Strut, the AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing is back again. The AKC Canine Good Citizen program began in 1989 and is recognized as the gold standard for dog behavior. Dogs that pass the 10-step test receive a certificate of completion and ribbon, signifying their important accomplishment. Dogs participating in the testing must be on a leash. Food, treats, toys, and special training collars (e.g., pinch collars, head halters, and electronic collars) are not permitted

during testing. To learn about the test items, visit <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/cgc-test-items-and-pledge/>.

The free Microchip Clinic and AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing are funded by the Snohomish County Animal Benefit Bequest Fund, which supports programs and activities that benefit animals in Snohomish County. Your tax-deductible donations are welcome to continue to support these activities and may be sent to the Snohomish County Auditor's Office, attn: Animal Benefit Bequest Fund, M/S 306, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.

For more information on the microchip clinic or CGC testing, contact Snohomish County Licensing and Animal Control Services at (425) 388-3711 or contact.licensing@snoco.org.

The Mutt Strut features a 5K walk/run, pet adoptions, Rover Run racing and pet showcase competitions. It's a free, family friendly event hosted by Everett Parks and Recreation and the Everett Animal Shelter. To learn more about the City of Everett's Mutt Strut, visit <https://www.everettwa.gov/656/Mutt-Strut>.

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